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U.S. Patent No. 5,621,300  
U.S. Patent No. 5,714,869  
U.S. Patent No. 5,892,354  
U.S. Patent No. 6,493,246  
U.S. Patent No. 6,611,441  
U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0105765  
U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0067723  
U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0218888  
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Pursuant to 1276 O.G. 55, copies of the listed documents are not enclosed.

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